Instructions to Commercial Banks on lending procedures under IRDP

1270. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest instructions to commercial banks in lending procedures under the IRDP;

(b) whether there is any proposal to change the family norm of five persons; and

(c) whether any tangible results would be forthcoming out of IRDP in the absence of changing the family norm of five members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reserve Bank of India have issued certain additional instructions in March, 1986, in terms of which, disbursements of assistance to the beneficiaries are to be made in cash in 22 selected Blocks of the country, on an experimental basis. The revised procedure for disbursement of this cash assistance is indiacted below:

(i) When the asset is of a standard type of marketed by reputed suppliers, the beneficiary would have the freedom to select the product of his choice. The banks can either open a savings bank account in the name of the borrower or may give him the amount in cash. The borrower would subsequently furnish to the bank a receipt of the item purchased.

(ii) Under ISB (Industry, Service and Business) sector when a number of sundry items are bought, disbursement upto Rs. 3000 may be made in cash. This can be done either in one lump-sum or in stages depending upon the items to be purchased. This will give the beneficiary requisite freedom to negotiate and settle the price for the asset of his choice. In such cases, cash memos, invoices, vouchers, etc. would not be necessary and only utilisation certificate would suffice

(iii) Regarding the programmes in animal husbandry, the Purchase Committees would be dispensed with and the beneficiary is allowed to select an animal of his choice and make payment to the supplier against cash receipt. The acquisition of animal would be verified by the field staff of bank.

(b) At present 'family' is the unit for IRDP, irrespective of the number of members. There is no proposal at present to change this norm.

(c) Does not arise.

Fake Five Rupee Currency Notes

1271. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake currency notes of rupees five denomination were recently delivered to the State Bank of India branch at Rajnandgaon in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether any enquiry has been instituted into the matter; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank have stated that it has been confirmed by the Rajnandgaon branch of State Bank of India that no forged notes in Rs. 5/- denomination have been received by them from the Reserve Bank of India. As per information received from State Bank of India certain Rs. 5/- notes suspected to be forged were referred by Police to Rajnandgaon branch of State Bank of India. The series on these notes were found by State Bank of India to be the same as those on genuine notes received by the branch earlier from Reserve Bank of India and noted in their records. These notes have been referred by the Police for expert examination.